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SUBJECT: DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 1973: DECISION SHEET

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DPC/D(73)35 OF DECEMBER 19, 1973:

BEGIN TEXT:

DECISIONS OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN  
MINISTERIAL SESSION ON 7TH DECEMBER, 1973

### I. INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

#### 1. MINISTERS:

(A) DISCUSSED AND NOTED AN INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING  
GIVEN BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MILITARY  
COMMITTEE;

(B) DISCUSSED AND NOTED A PRESENTATION ON SOME  
LESSONS OF THE RECENT CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST,  
GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

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### II. SUMMARY APPRAISAL BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)34

#### 2. MINISTERS:

DISCUSSED AND NOTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SUMMARY APPRAISAL.

III. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

3. MINISTERS:

NOTED A STATEMENT MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

IV. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP

4. MINISTERS:

NOTED A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROPGROUP ON RECENT ACTIVITIES OF TH GROUP.

V. NATO FORCE PLANNING

A. FORCE PLANS FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1978

REFERENCES: DPC/D(71)10

DPC/D(72)42, PARAGRAPH 3(D)

MCM-83-73

DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)23 WITH COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES

5. MINISTERS:

(A) NOTED THE REPORT BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE OVER-ALL SUITABILITY OF THE 1974-1978 FORCE PLAN AND THE ASSOCIATED DEGREE OF RISK (1);

(B) NOTED THE GENERAL REPORT TOGETHER WITH THE COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES WHICH SET OUT THE CURRENT FORCE AND FINANCIAL PLANS OF COUNTRIES (WHERE KNOWN) FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1978(2);

(C) ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS AT PARAGRAPH 35 OF THE GERNERAL REPORT, AND IN PARTICULAR:

(I) ADOPTED ON BEHALF OF THEIR COUNTRIES THE FIRM FORCE COMMITMENTS REPRESENTED BY THE COUNTRY FORCE PLANS FOR 1974, AS RECORDED IN THE COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND THEIR STATISTICAL ANNEXES (2);

(II) ADOPTED AS A NATO PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1978 THE FORCE STRUCTURE SET OUT IN THE COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND THEIR STATISTICAL ANNEXES AND SUMMARISED IN THE OVERALL SUMMARY FORCE TABLES (2), NOTING THAT THE FORCE PLAN COVERING THE SECRET

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PERIOD 1975-1979 TO BE SUBMITTED IN 1974 WOULD BE BASED ON NEW FORCE GOALS FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 1980 TO BE ADOPTED BY THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION NEXT YEAR;

(D) NOTED A STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF THE FEDERAL GERMAN REPUBLIC ARMED FORCES AND AGREED TO CONTINUE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS FOR THE ALLIANCE;

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(1) MCM-83-73, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1973

(2) DPC/D(73)23 (COUNTRY SERIES AND STATISTICAL ANNEXES)

(E) NOTED A STATEMENT BY THE DEFENCE MINISTER OF ITALY

ABOUT CERTAIN CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED IN THE SYSTEM OF MILITARY SERVICE IN ITALY AND AGREED THAT THESE WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF CLOSE CONSULTATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE;

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(F) NOTED THAT THE FORCE PLANS FOR THE NETHERLANDS WERE SUBJECT TO A REVIEW BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT OF THEIR DEFENCE EFFORT, BUT THAT ANY CHANGES RESULTING FROM THIS WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF CLOSE CONSULTATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE;

(G) NOTED THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN FOR THE "PROFESSIONALISATION" OF THE BELGIAN ARMED FORCES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF CLOSE CONSULTATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE;

(H) WELCOMED THE STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE DISCUSSING WITH THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS NEW COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD MEAN SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF BRITISH AIRCRAFT EARMARKED FOR ASSIGNMENT TO NATO;

(I) NOTED THE SUGGESTION BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY  
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OF DEFENSE THAT FUTURE MEETINGS SHOULD DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO DISCUSSION OF NATO TASKS AS A WHOLE AND THE LARGER GEOPOLITICAL ISSUES.

B. BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENCE PLANNING  
REFERENCES: DPC/D(73)13, PARAGRAPH 4(C)  
MCM-85-73  
DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)30

6. MINISTERS:

(A) UNDERTOOK TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO REMEDY WEAKNESSES IN THEIR FORCES, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE CRITICAL AREAS OF ANTI-ARMOUR, AIRCRAFT PROTECTION AND LEVELS OF WAR RESERVES, AS RECOMMENDED IN PARAGRAPHS 21, 34 AND 48 OF THE REPORT;

(B) INVITED THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION TO REPORT PROGRESS ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THEIR SPRING MEETING.

C. STUDY ON SPECIALISATION IN THE CENTRAL REGION  
REFERENCES: DPC/D(73)13, PARAGRAPH 4(D)  
DPC/R(73)12, PARAGRAPH 13  
MCM-79-73  
DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)31

7. MINISTERS:

(A) ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS AT PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE REPORT;

(B) TOOK NOTE THAT THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION TO PROVIDE A MODERN SSM SYSTEM WITHIN THE AREA OF I (NL) CORPS, PROVIDED THAT THEY COULD BE IMPLEMENTED ALONG THE LINES INDICATED IN OPTION 3 OF THE REPORT OF THE SUBGROUP ON LAND FORCES, AND WERE IN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSING THIS POSSIBILITY WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT;

(C) TOOK NOTE THAT THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT ALSO ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE RECOMMENDATION THAT WHEN RE-EQUIPPING THEIR F104G SQUADRONS THEY SHOULD CONCENTRATE PROGRESSIVELY ON CONVENTIONAL OFFENSIVE AIR OPERATIONS WITH A CAPABILITY FOR LIMITED AIR SUPERIORITY AND A LIMITED NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, AIMING AT A REPLACEMENT OF ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS, AND THAT THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WERE CONSULTING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS FACED WITH A SIMILAR DECISION;

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(D) INVITED PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDY OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALISATIONS IN THE

CENTRAL REGION;

(E) AGREED THAT THE AIM OF SPECIALISATION WAS TO ENSURE THE BEST USE OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR ALLIANCE DEFENCE, AND THAT THE OVERALL CAPABILITY OF NATO FORCES SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED THEREBY.

D. ORGANIZATION, COMMAND AND CONTROL OF TACTICAL AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION

REFERENCES: PDC/D(72)42, PARAGRAPH 3(H)

DPC/D(73)13, PARAGRAPH 5(B)

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8. MINISTERS:

(A) APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW HEADQUARTERS UNDER THE TITLE OF ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE, AS RECOMMENDED BY SACEUR AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE;

(B) AUTHORIZED THE EARLY DESIGNATION OF THE AIR COMMANDER AND THE PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY STAFF SUPPORT FROM WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES OF THE NATIONS DIRECTLY CONCERNED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 6 OF MCM-84-73;

(C) TOOK NOTE THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WAS NOT

YET IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND A PEACETIME  
LOCATION FOR HQ AAFCE.

VI. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE STATIONING OF  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE

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REFERENCES: DPC/D73)13, PARAGRAPH 4(C)

C-R(73)47

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C-M(73)93

9. INISTERS:

(A) TOOK NOTE OF THE STUDY GROUP REPORT;

(B) TOOK NOTE WITH APPROVAL OF ACTION ALREADY  
LAUNCHED BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN THE  
NATO BUDGET AND INFRASTRUCTURE FIELD, AND OF  
THE STATEMENTS MADE BY SEVERAL MINISTERS IN  
SUPPORT OF SUCH ACTION;

(C) RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WHICH WILL BE MADE BY THE  
SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF UNITED STATES-GERMAN  
BILATERAL OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS;

(D) AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE UNDERSIRABLE IF ANY  
MEASURES ADOPTED TO SOLVE THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS  
CAUSED BY THE STATIONING OF UNITED STATES FORCES  
IN EUROPE WERE TO RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF THE  
EFFORTS DEVOTED DIRECTLY TO DEFENCE; AND TOOK  
NOTE THAT IN THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES,  
EUROPEAN DEFENCE IMPROVEMENTS WERE AN  
IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN ANY SOLUTION;

(E) NOTED THAT SUBSTANTIAL PURCHASES OF MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT PLANNED BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN THE  
UNITED STATES WOULD ALSO MAKE AN IMPORTNAT  
CONTRIBUTION;

(F) WELCOMED THE INTENTION STATED BY ALL MINISTERS  
TO CONTRIBUTE BY ONE MEANS OR ANOTHER TO THE  
ACHIEVEMENT OF A SATISFACTORY COMMON SOLUTION TO  
THE PROBLEMS OF THE UNITED STATES;

(G) NOTED THE NECESSITY TO BE ABLE TO SHOW SUBSTANTIAL  
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PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD BY MID-FEBRUARY.

VII. STATUS OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING, INCLUDING THE  
FUNDING OF SLICE XXV

REFERENCE: DPC/D(73)13, ITEM VI  
DOCUMENT: DPC/D(73)32(REVISED)

10. MINISTERS:

(A) AGREED TO RETAIN SLICE XXV IN THE CURRENT  
SLICE GROUP;

(B) AGREED THAT PREPARATIONS FOR SLICE XXV SHOULD PROCEED ON  
THE UNDERSTANDING THAT AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT  
OF IAU 55 MILLION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR  
THE CURRENT SLICE GROUP THEREBY INCREASING THE  
CEILING OF THE CURRENT SLICE GROUP FROM  
IAU 250 MILLION TO IAU 305 MILLION;

(C) NOTED THE STATUS OF DISCUSSION IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE  
COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED FUNDING LEVEL  
OF THE NEXT COST-SHARING PERIOD (SLICE XXVI-XXX)  
AND INVITED THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO  
INSTRUCT THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT A  
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON TO THE MINISTERS  
IN MAY 1974 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MILITARY  
REQUIREMENTS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE;

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(D) NOTED THAT A FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF EVALUATING BIDS FREE OF CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TAXES WOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL MAY 1974, IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO WORK OUT THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES.

VIII. MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS

REFERENCE: DPC/D(73)13, PARAGRAPH 8

DOCUMENTS: C-M(73)119(FINAL)  
PO/73/164

11. MINISTERS:

(A) TOOK NOTE OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS  
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IN CENTRAL EUROPE;

(B) WELCOMED THE SOLIDARITY WHICH HAD BEEN SHOWN BY NATO IN THE PREPARATION FOR, AND CONDUCT OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS;

(C) EMPHASISED THAT THE OUTCOME OF MBFR SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PREJUDICE THE GROWTH OF EUROPEAN DEFENCE CO-OPERATION.

IX. NEXT MEETING

12. MINISTERS:

AGREED THAT THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION WOULD DEPEND ON THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, WHICH HAD YET TO BE DECIDED.

X. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. MINISTERS:

NOTED WITH REGRET THAT THEIR PRESENT MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE THE LAST ATTENDED BY GENERAL STEINHOFF, AND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE VALUABLE SERVICES AND WISE COUNSEL HE HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE ALLIANCE IN A NUMBER OF POSTS, MOST RECENTLY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.



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